

## **Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), Public Law 91-190, and regulations for implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508.

### **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

#### **PARKING LOTS CONSTRUCTION FOR PORT ISABEL DETENTION CENTER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

#### **BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LOS FRESNOS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Galveston District of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), on behalf of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), has prepared this EA for the construction of three parking lots to service agency staff and the visiting public.

The proposed project consists of construction of a main parking lot and two future parking lots. When completed, all three parking lots would collectively encompass 10.7 acres. The main parking lot is designed for 435 vehicle spaces. The two smaller parking lots are not scheduled for construction until additional space is warranted and will have a combined additional capacity of 299 vehicular spaces. Each lighted parking area will be paved, striped, landscaped, and contoured to divert rainfall runoff away from the Administration Building.

A copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Brownsville Public Library (2600 Central Boulevard, Brownsville, TX 78520), or can be downloaded from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District website at <<http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/>> and the AE Resources Center at <<http://aerc.swf.usace.army.mil/Pages/Publicreview.cfm>>. Copies are also available from, and comments should be submitted in writing to, Ms. Carolyn Murphy, Chief, Environmental Section (PE-PR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas 77550. Comments should be submitted by August 30, 2005.